[President.]

of the next few months, I believe there will be brought into existence a manufactory for motor cars in India and if the "Hindustan No. 10" which they have announced is coming out, then the condition will be different.

MR. K M. PAUL: Is not the condition same in Cochin? They have lifted the ban on second-hand cars.

PRESIDENT: Cochin is much more advantageously placed because of the very large number of Europeans and military personnel there. The Government of India seem to have their moments of forgetfulness and probably they forgot that Travancore has a population of 6 million whereas Cochin has a population of only 1½ million. It is an influential community and not a huge population that evidently weighs with the Government of India.

Restrictions and prohibitions on export articles.

606. * MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information as to:

(*a*) in respect of the export on what all articles have restrictions and prohibitions been imposed during the time of the war; and

(*b*) on what all articles have such restrictions and prohibitions been removed subsequent to the ending of the war?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

(*a*) 1. Machinery, iron, steel and copper goods
2. Banana flour
3. Tender cocoanuts
4. Tamarind including tamarind seeds
5. Cattle including bulls, cows and buffaloes
6. Poultry including ducks
7. Sheep and goats
8. Shark liver oil
9. Arrow root flour
10. Kodappana or Choondapana pith
11. Gingelly seed and gingelly oil
12. Cocoanut oil cakes
13. Tyre
14. Jute mattings
15. Lime and lime shells
16. Straw including hay
17. Gunnies
18. Kerosene
19. Aloe and sisal fibre
20. Rice husk
21. Laurel and marotti oil cake and laurel and marotti oil seeds

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22. Fish manure
23. Bones of animals and bonemeal.
24. Ashes and dung, all sorts
25. Groundnut cakes
26. Cement
27. Fish oil
28. Mangowood planks and logs
Jackwood planks and logs
Fuel
Charcoal in pieces or powder
29. Eggs
30. Jaggery, all varieties.
31. Paper
32. Chillies
33. Foodgrains
34. Garlic
35. Waste paper
36. Sugarcane
37. Yarn
38. Piecegoods
39. Coir
40. Hides and skins
41. Sugar
42. Tapioca
43. Tapioca starch
44. Drugs.

(b) 1. Machinery, iron, steel and copper
2. Banana flour
3. Tender cocoanuts
4. Arrow root flour
5. Kodappana or choondapana pith
6. Cocoanut oil cakes.
7. Jute matings
8. Fuel, and
Charcoal in pieces or powder
9. Rice husk
10. Tapioca
11. Tapioca starch.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: In part (b) (8) of the answer it is stated that the ban on the export of fuel and charcoal has been removed. Is not the Government aware of the acuteness of the fuel shortage in the State?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Government have no knowledge about it.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether Government have received repeated representations from the non-official members of the House about the shortage of fuel in the mofussil areas?

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MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No, I am not aware.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I am sorry for it.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware of the price level of fuel in the Trivandrum Town?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No information has been received about the shortage of fuel in Trivandrum.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware of the fact that the fuel that is consumed in Trivandrum is being brought from Kulathumzha and Nedumangad and great difficulty is found in the transport of fuel from Thenmala and surrounding places to Trivandrum?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No representations have been received about the shortage of fuel in this country. Even if there is high price in particular areas it does not mean that there is shortage in the country. So the control was lifted so that fuel may be taken over to places where there is shortage

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the principle on which this control is removed?

MR T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The principle generally observed is that when the control is found necessary in the interest of the people, it is retained; otherwise it is lifted. We depend upon British India for some of our essential goods. Whether we get repeated applications or not, we can not lift control so long as the Government of India have not removed the ban in some cases.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: We are concerned with fuel. When there is acute shortage and sheer necessity of fuel, is not the price level to be considered before lifting the control?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Price level has also been considered.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know at least whether the price level was considered when this control was lifted?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Government are not aware that the fuel consumed in the Trivandrum city is brought from outside and that there would be difficulty experienced by removing this control.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to enquire about the price level prevailing at present with reference to the price level during the period of war and come to a decision on the point?

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: May I know whether Government are aware that there is scarcity of foodstuffs for animals as the restriction on coconut oil has been removed?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No Sir, they are not aware.

MR. P. G. THOMAS: May I know whether Government are aware that the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Alwaye, have invited tenders for 1,000 tons of firewood?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the reasons for giving the negative answer?

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MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Because no application has been received so far by Government. Careful search was made of registers and no application relating to this matter has been found out.

Paper Quota.

* MR. P. G. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the paper quota allotted to Government Presses has been sufficient to meet the requirements of the Government Presses during the last three years run departmentally.

(*b*) if so, the quantity of paper allotted to each of the Presses and the quantity of paper actually received by each of the Presses during the last three years run departmentally.

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Permit Holders.

608. * MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that the majority of the permit holders are only forwarding agents?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Government have no information. It is not possible to give an answer to the question.

Non-Departmental Anchal Office, Vazhakulam.

609. * MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) what was the order of the Dewan on the last petition to him with reference to the question of raising the non-departmental Anchal Office at Vazhakulam to departmental with savings bank; and

(*b*) what steps have been taken to implement the order, if any?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Government approved the Anchal Superintendent's recommendation to raise the Non-Departmental Anchal Office at Vazhakulam into a Departmental one, provided the people of the locality place a suitable building for the purpose at the disposal of the Department.

(*b*) As no building was made available as aforesaid, the proposal is kept in abeyance.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Anchal Department is conducted on commercial lines?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No; it is not run on commercial lines.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether Anchal Offices are generally situated in places only where their income will be sufficient to meet the expenditure?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There are certain Non-departmental Anchal Offices which have now been converted into departmental Anchal offices. In some localities, people voluntarily agreed to furnish buildings for conducting Anchal offices.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know why the Non-departmental Anchal Office at Vazhakulam was not converted into a departmental office with Savings Bank provided the people of the locality placed a

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